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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, which was mailed to the undersigned on May 27, 2009 in the subject U.S. patent application, applicants elect to prosecute, in this application, the species of the generic invention identified by the Examiner as species A. It is believed that at least claims 92, 93, 95, 97-101, 106, 107, 109-111, 118-135 and 141-158 read on the elected species. Claims 89 and 91 are believed to be generic.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the several species of the generic invention not selected for prosecution in this application. This is again assuming that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

An early and favorable Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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